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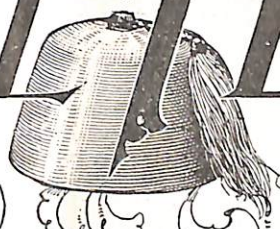

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MAX. BEEHLER.
GRAND HIGH PRIEST OF IOWA.

MAX. BEEHLER

Was born at Karlsruhe, Germany, April 10, 1853. He was educated in Germany. He came to America May 7, 1871. After coming to this country he spent some time in traveling. He lived in Chicago from 1872 to 1876, and in Rock Island, Ill., one year, settling at Manchester, Iowa, in September, 1877, where he has since resided. He started a mercantile establishment in that year, which he kept up until 1892, when he sold out and retired from active trade. During all these many years in addition to the mercantile enterprise he conducted and does yet, a general immigration and foreign banking business. He helped to organize the First National Bank of Manchester; was the first vice-President and is a Director since it started in business. He served on the Manchester School Board for six years. He was married in Chicago, Oct 31, 1874, to Miss Amelia Loeb, of that city. They have five children, three sons and two daughters. The oldest son is now attending the Northwestern University, Medical Department. He is Secretary of the Masons' and Odd Fellows' Union Aid Association, and one of the publishers of *The Investigator*, a journal devoted to life insurance. He was made a Mason in National Lodge No. 596, Chicago, over twenty years ago, taking a dimit from there when he located at Manchester, being a member of Manchester Lodge No. 165 since 1878. He received the chapter degrees in Olive Branch Chapter No. 48, R. A. M., Manchester, Iowa, during 1878; elected Secretary the following year, and High Priest of the same Chapter from 1889 to 1891.

He was elected a member of DeMolay Consistory No. 1, Clinton, (formerly Lyons) Iowa, receiving the 32d degree on the 11th day of May, 1888. On February 20, 1889, he became a member of El-Kahir Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Cedar Rapids.

In August, 1894, he attended General Grand Chapter R. A. M. of the United States at Topeka, Kansas, and was a member of the Ritual Committee; was appointed Grand Captain of the host at Council Bluffs, Nov. 18, 1892; elected Grand Scribe at Waterloo, Oct. 12, 1893; elected Grand King at Sioux City, Sept. 26, 1894; elected Deputy Grand High Priest at Dubuque, Oct. 17, 1895, and elected Grand High Priest of Iowa, on Oct. 16, 1896.

Companion Beehler has always held a warm place in the affections of his friends, and has fully merited the high honor conferred upon him by the Grand Chapter of Iowa, R. A. M.

Our Venerable Dr. Parvin's able address at the semi-centennial celebration on "Who Made Iowa?" has been published in pamphlet form. It is a document well worth a place in our libraries, and contains a vast amount of interesting matter.

It was our good fortune to be the guest of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, of Omaha, on November 13, and to join in the pleasant deliberations of the Ritual Committee, of which we are a member. The following "Immortals" sat down to a banquet fit for a king: Dr. E. W. Lee, I. H. Korty, Supt. Tel. U. P. R. R., Geo. M. Nattinger, Hon. E. M. Bartlett, H. J. Penfold, W. R. Bennett, W. S. Jardine, and Edgar Allen. All are from the representative ranks of Omaha's live business and professional men.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

Grand Secretary J. H. C. Dill sends us the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois for 1896. Bro. Robbins' report on Correspondence covers 341 pages, of which Iowa gets 15.

The *American Tyler* begins its eleventh volume with November, and emphasizes its prosperity by enlarging its form. It is a Masonic journal we could not do without. Success, Bro. B.

Have you heard the new song, "In the Shadow of the Pines?" It is immense! Legg Bros., of Kansas City, Mo., have it, and they are making a cut price of 25c a copy. Take our advice and send for one.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence of Ill., for '96 written by Gen. John C. Smith, comes to us in paper binding and is an interesting volume. Illustrated. It is from the Grand Commandery.

Recorder Chas. E. Markham, of Ismalia Temple, N. M. S., of Buffalo, N. Y., puts us under obligations for a copy of their handsomely bound volume of a Roster, Potentate's Address, The Imperial Statutes, The By-Laws, and a general list of their nobles.

From Companion, Grand Secretary W. H. Mayo, we receive the Proceedings of the Grand R. A. Chapter of Missouri for 1896. It contains the entire proceedings of the Semi-Centennial Celebration of that Grand body and is a volume of more than common interest.

The Midland Monthly continues its upward and onward course, vastly improving on each successive number issued. The Nov. number contains the second installment of "Grant in the West," and all the other important articles promised for that number. Des Moines, Iowa. Send for it.

EQUITABLE MUTUAL LIFE ASSOCIATION.

WATERLOO, IOWA, Sept. 25, 1896.

It is befitting that we announce to members and all interested that in August the Equitable's office was given a week's exhaustive examination by the Chief of the Iowa Insurance Department, assisted by two competent experienced accountants, as provided by the State Law. Every item of receipts and disbursements with vouchers, since last examination, were verified. The assets and sworn reports were passed upon and approved.

A few suggestions in the matter of improvement, in convenience in book keeping and to as far as practicable secure uniformity by the various associations in the state, were made, which will be adopted, and for which we sincerely thank the examiners.

We assure and congratulate members in the fact that the gentlemen performed their duty under the law with thoroughness and fidelity.

GEO. W. HARBIN, President.

HE SAYS.

If "He says" was throttled, hanged, choked to death, quartered and burned to ashes, and the ashes scattered to the four winds of heaven, there would be more peace and harmony in the world than exists at present. "He says" is a cowardly twin brother of his Satanic Majesty, and is an escaped convict from the infernal regions. "He says" is a sneak-thief, afraid to appear in the light, but, under cover of somebody else's slurs pilfers good deeds, steals good reputations and clothes himself as an angel of light. "He says" is an assassin, striking in the dark, and, never showing his dastardly countenance, cowers in the shadows of good men. Trouble-makers are abundant in the world. The trouble factory runs both day and night, and "He says" is the manager. He throws into the bubbling couldron of care whole tons of human insinuations, pokes the fire with the pronged fork of hyprocritical "friendship," and hums an incantation of dicordant maliciousness to keep up his diabolical spirits. Whenever "He says" appears he should be arrested, and if ever Judge Lynch is justified in holding court and passing sentence, it is when he condemns "He says" to be lynched. – *New York Dispatch.*

The grand secretary of Texas received for dues and charter fees during the past year $16,982.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Oskaloosa, June 1, 1897.

GRAND OFFICERS.

GEO. W. BALL.....GRAND MASTER
Iowa City.
Thos. Lambert.....Senior Grand Warden
Sabula.
Chas. Clapp Clark.....Junior Grand Warden
Burlington.
Jerome Merrill Woodworth.....Grand Treasurer
Marshalltown.
Thodore Sutton Parvin.....Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED.

W. L. Eaton.....Deputy Grand Master
Osage
Newton R. Parvin.....Deputy Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.
Rev. P. V. D. Vedder.....Grand Chaplain
Boone.
J. F. Grote.....Seenior Grand Deacon
Crawford.
W. B. Davis.....Junior Grand Deacon
Lewis.
Wm. Lamb.....Grand Marshall
Northwood.
C. A. Hough.....Senior Grand Steward
Red Oak.
J. J. Thompson.....Junior Grand Steward
Beacon.
Theodore Schreiner.....Grand Tyler
Mt. Pleasant.

CUSTODIANS.

C. T Granger, (1899) Prest., Des Moines.
G. B. Van Saun, (1897) Secretary, Cedar Falls.
W. P. Allen, (1901) Dubuque.

COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

L. C. Blanchard.....Oskaloosa
Crom Bowen.....Des Moines
C. W. Neal.....Stuart

TRUSTEES GRAND CHARITY FUND.

E. C. Blackmar.....Term Expires 1897.....Chairman
Burlington.
R. G. Phelps.....Term Expires 1898.....Treasurer
Atlantic.
J. D. Gamble.....Term Expires 1899.....Secretary
Knoxville.

COMMITTE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.

J. C. W Coxe, D D.....Washington.

GRAND CUSTODIAN'S LETTER.

We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Nov. 5, 1896.

Dear Brother Geiger:

Another month has rolled around and been numbered with the past, the election is over, and all is well. For reasons given by the parties interested, I have cancelled appointments as to dates given for Adair, Elgin and Estherville, but expect to reach them later in the season. Routes now laid out are as follows:

Ocheyedan—Nov. 13th and 14th.
Spirit Lake—Nov. 16th. 17th and 18th.
Lake Mills—Nov. 19 th and 20th.
Hillsboro—Nov. 23d. 24th and 25th.
Fairfield—Nov. 26th. 27th and 28th.
Milton—Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st and 2d.
Zearing—Dec. 7th and 8th.
Anita—Dec. 10th, 11th and 12th.
Fredericksburg—Dec. 15th and 16th.
Strawberry Point—Dec. 17th and 18th.
Williams—Dec. 21st and 22d.
Spring Hill—Dec. 23d and 24th.
Dallas Center—Dec 25th and 26th.
LeGrand—Dec. 28th and 29th.
Wall Lake—Jan. 5th and 6th.
Odebolt—Jan. 7th, 8th and 9th.
Alton—Jan. 11th and 12th.
Paullina—Jan. 13th and 14th.
Primghar—Jan. 15th and 16th.

This will leave unplaced as to date the following places, viz: Estherville, Clarinda, Elgin, Lime Springs, Humeston, Adair, Hedrick, Iowa City, Farragut, Kalona and Keota.

I find it quite difficult to lay out routes satisfactorily so as to reach the different points in order to make railroad connections and thereby save time and expense.

Yours Fraternally,
GEO. B. VAUSAUN,
Visiting Custodian.

BROTHER R. A. STUART.

Most, if not all the friends of our young brother, R. A. Stuart, Esq., whom attendants at Grand Lodge well remember, were taken by surprise when he quietly went out to Boone, and was there united in marriage to Miss Harriet Pearl Martin, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Martin, of Boston, Mass. The young couple have settled down to life in Marion, where their many friends greet the addition to their pleasant circle with the favor Mrs. Stuart has easily won for herself by her pleasant ways and many accomplishments. *Bon Voyage.*

Some communities seem destined to supply material for the amusement of the next Grand Lodge. They have struck it this time! Whatever amount of restive action there may be on the part of those who think to force Masonry into selfish uses, it will not work; for there is a time when the results go beyond the reach of the conspirators; then the inevitable Masonic Justice is surest to overtake and overwhelm them. Be well advised that there are some Masons whose minds are not charged with malice and unbrotherly hatred, and they will stand by the right when the time comes.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Oct. 18, 1896.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—The Grand Lodge of California closed its 47th Annual Communication Saturday, Oct. 17th, electing for the ensuing year the M. W., Wm. Thos. Lucas, Grand Master, and re-electing V. W., Geo. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

The usual routine of business was varied by the placing of the Corner Stone of the Home for Widows and Orphans by the Grand Lodge, under the escort of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. The ceremonies were successfully performed to the satisfaction and delight of an immense concourse of Masons of every grade and degree, besides a brilliant constellation of Eastern Stars.

No new legislation was enacted, with the exception of preparing for a revision of the ritual by the appointment of a preliminary committee.

I enclose copy of Grand Master's address.

With best wishes for the prosperity and progress of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, with salutations to yourself personally, I am

Fraternally,
WM. A. DAVIES,
Representative Grand Lodge of Iowa.

R. W. THEO. S. PARVIN,
Grand Secretary Grand Lodge of Iowa, Cedar Rapids.

FRATERNAL LODGE, 22.

From Bro. Dr. Strohbelm, we received the following:

The fraternal Lodge, No. 221, gave their monthly banquet, which was attended by about 75 brethren. Thinking this might be of interest to you and and your journal, I send you a small account of the same. It was held Oct. 7. The tables were under the charge of ladies of the Eastern Star and was well done. Speeches were given by Bros. J. H. Harrison, A. W. Cantwell, E. F. Strohbelm, Eugene Banks, W. F. Fidlar, C. Campbell and B. L. Ottesen; also several numbers of music. Bro. Harrison gave an original poem, entitled "The Lodge."

[We have the MS. copy of the above poem and will publish it next month.—Ed.]

LODGE ENTERTAINMENTS.

One of the most pleasing not to say profitable entertainments for a Lodge is to give a theatrical performance especially when the production is appropriate and pertinent to Lodge life.

The best time to give such an entertainment is in the winter when the attendance is increased and when the members are anxious to have some kind of diversity to while away the long evenings.

There is always more or less interest manifested in amateur theatricals and as the rehearsals bring the members to the lodge room, the lodge will certainly not be the loser but will on the other hand share in the general profits bound to accrue. Some Lodges give entertainments to the members only and merely for pastime, while others give the public an opportunity to help swell their bank accounts.

The time to give an entertainment either for profit or pleasureable pastime is now, and the best burlesque procurable is "THE MYSTIC ORDER OF THE GOLDEN FLEECE" which can be put on at a trifling expense as all the costumes, paraphernalia, etc., can be made at home.

The play requires fifteen characters, is easily learned, and never fails to give the utmost satisfaction wherever produced. A complete set of rituals with full instructions and the right of reproduction can be purchased for $5.00 from THE PETTIBONE BROS. MFG. CO., CINCINNATI, O.

You should not fail to send for a descriptive and illustrative copy of their famous "GOLDEN FLEECE" Folder, which will be sent carriage free. See display "ad" on another page of this paper.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Iowa Grand Templar Park, July 12, 1897.
Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.

SEVENTH DISTRICT (Grand Encampment) Iowa, Missouri and Ohio—Sir Knight Geo. M. Moulton, V. E., Grand Captain General, Chicago, Ill., Representative.

GRAND OFFICERS.

T. R. Ercanbrack.....GRAND COMMANDER
Anamosa.
F. H. Loring.....Deputy Grand Commander
Oskaloosa.
Geo. W. Bever.....Grand Generalissimo
Cedar Rapids.
J. H. Pettibone.....Grand Captain General
Burlington.
John Westley Geiger.....Grand Prelate
Marion.
D. M. Brownlee.....Grand Senior Warden
Sioux City.
Alex. Peddie.....Grand Junior Warden
Emmettsburg.
E. B. Shaw.....Grand Treasurer
West Union.
Alf. Wingate.....Grand Recorder
Des Moines.
L. T. Hawk.....Grand Standard Bearer
Dubuque.
W. H. Hart.....Grand Sword Bearer
Sac City.
Wm. Weldon.....Grand Warder
Iowa Falls.
Theodore Shreiner.....Grand Sentinel
Mt Pleasant.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, U. S. A.

OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE,
PORTLAND, Maine, Nov. 2, 1896.

Dear Frater:

The following sentiment has been prepared for the coming Christmas:

To the Most Eminent Grand Master, W. LaRue Thomas, his faithful Knights send greetings on this holy Christmastide. "On Earth peace, good will toward men."

The Grand Master sends the following response:

To all the Brotherhood of the Faith: May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Will you join in these sentiments on Friday, December 25th, at noon, Eastern Standard time, (equivalent to 5 P. M, Greenwich,) and will you extend the invitation to your command, as well as to all true templars and their friends, wheresoever dispersed, on land or sea.

Courteously and fraternally yours,
STEPHEN BERRY, Committee,
Portland, Maine.

PATMOS COMMANDERY, NO. 27, Marion, held their annual election on Nov. 3d, and the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

E. C.—J. M. Booth.
Gen.—N. A. Baker.
C. G.—T. J. Davis.
Prelate—A. B. Dumont.
S. W.—F. H. Hilliard.
J. W.—E. I. Alderman.
Treasurer—J. J. Smyth.
Rec.—W. B. Wells.

TEMPLAR PARK, 1897.

Templar Park will be a livelier place than usual, for a longer time in 1897. The Annual Grand Conclave of the Iowa Templars will be followed by the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. Fraters and Companions will find it to their advantage to write Grand Captain General J. H. Pettibone early for rooms or tent quarters.

WHY NOT WIDEN OUT?

Why do not the good brethren who are discussing the theology of the Commandery petition, and the doctrinal standards of the Templar Ritual, take a little wider swath—you all cut too narrow for the field you are mowing. The whole matter looks to a preacher like it would, no doubt, look to a doctor of medicine were he to expatiate upon medical jurisprudence in no more knowing way than the talk is going out about the religious tests of Templary. Talk about sectarianism! The worst type of the thing is exposed when a man tries to argue into or argue out of the self evident meaning of the Standards, what he imagines is the thing to be.

The Grand Commander of Iowa has sent out the usual Christmas Observance notice which is uniform with that of the committee of the Grand Encampment.

Langridge Commandery No. 47, of West Union, conferred the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross upon eight Companions, on the 24th inst. The convention began at 1 o'clock p. m., and was followed in the evening with a banquet at the Commercial Hotel. The programme was a beautiful work of the printer's art. At the annual election of Apollo Commandery No. 26, of this city, the following were elected to office: E. C., Ed. L. Camp; Gen., Lew. W. Anderson; C. G., Geo. B. Holmes; Treasurer, James L. Bever; Recorder, Gold S. Pettit; S. W., J. H. Helm; J. W., J. T. Carmody.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 21, 1897.

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

MAX. BEEHLER.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Manchester.
W. D. Irvine.....Deputy Grand High Priest
Sioux City.
W. F. Cleveland.....Grand King
Harlan.
B. F. Parker.....Grand Scribe
Dubuque
R. F. B. Portman.....Grand Treasurer
Decorah.
Alf. Wingate.....Grand Secretary
Des Moines.

APPOINTED.

John Westley Geiger.....GRAND CHAPLAIN
Marion.
N. B. Hyatt.....Grand Captain of the Host.
Webster City.
L. H. Wallace.....Grand Principal Sojourner.
Washington.
Lafayette M. Matthews.....Grand Royal Arch Captain
Greeley.
I. P. Wilson.....Grand Master of the Third Vail
Burlington.
W. F. Laraway.....Grand Master of the Second Vail
Glenwood.
W. M. Frantz.....Grand Master of the First Vail
Le Mars.
Theodore Schreiner.....Grand Guarp
Mt. Pleasant.

The election in the Chapters will all be held this month.

Some of the Chapters are doing fine work and a great deal of it, while others are dormant.

There is no reason why the renewed activity in the country should not have a good effect on the Iowa Capitular bodies.

Grand High Priest Beehler will not fall behind his predecessor in the matter of zeal for the cause.

Several new Chapters are talked of in various parts of the State, and no doubt their work will bear the marks of their skill.

We are in receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. They are in the usual tasty and artistic style of the past few years. The Grand High Priest, Companion Max Beehler, has instituted the new Chapter at Corydon. The date was Nov. 19. He will perform the same act for Albia on Dec. 2.

A. A. S. R.

There are Consistorial bodies of this Rite at Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Des Moines and Davenport.

Iowa No. 3, Des Moines, expects to hold a reunion some time during this winter.

Iowa No. 2, Cedar Rapids, is preparing to work the degrees 4–14 in the Lodge of Perfection during this winter.

Oriental Consistory of Chicago, has mapped out receptions for Nov. 26th, Dec. 10th, 1896, Jan. 21st and Feb. 18th, 1897. We acknowledge the invitation to attend, and hope to be there at one of them anyway.

Speaking of the persecution of Masons, about which we will have much to say in the near future, it is well to note that the last crusade against Masonry in the United States was that which culminated in the nomination of William Wirt in 1832, for President on the anti-Masonic ticket, against Andrew Jackson and Henry Clay, who were both Royal Arch Masons. Wirt, although an eloquent lawyer, who had made himself famous by his vigorous prosecution of Aaron Burr for treason, failed to carry a single state.—*Tidings from the Craft.*

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, NOVEMBER, 1896.

IS AT REST.

DEATH EARLY THIS MORNING OF MRS. T. S. PARVIN.

This morning at the early hour of 5 o'clock, when nearly all the city was in slumber, in the Parvin home the husband, children and grand-children were gathered at the side of that noble, loving wife and mother, whose life for weeks has been slowly passing away. Without a murmur, without a sign of distress, the pulsations of the heart ceased and the sufferer was at rest. The long suspense was over and eternity separated the living and the dead. Mrs. Agnes McCully Parvin had rounded out a life of usefulness that is enjoyed by few. If her years were shortened it was because of loving devotion to others.

Agnes McCully was born in Carlisle, Pa., Mch. 1, 1819. Her parents were George and Nancy McCully, good old Scotch Presbyterians, their parents having emigrated and located where their children, including Agnes, the youngest daughter, were born.

Theodore S. Parvin and Miss Agnes McCully were united in marriage at Muscatine May 17, 1843. Mrs. Rachel Welch of St. Paul, is the only living witness of the wedding. She is 85 years old and hence unable to attend the funeral.

A brief funeral service was conducted at 2 o'clock p. m., Nov. 21, at the house, by Rev. Dr. Burkhalter. The remains were taken to Iowa City, where interment was made in the family burying ground.—*Cedar Rapids Gazette.*

MASONRY AND THE PRESS.

We once before referred to the fact, that, as a rule, the press of the country gives but little attention to masonry—except of course, the greater convocations and conclaves. Here and there a great daily will give a column once a week to General Fraternal Items, but there is no such attention to the greatest and oldest of these institutions such as they deserve. We have sometimes wondered if the press deserves all the blame. May not the matters that are of general interest to the public and especially the masonic readers of the press, be neglected by those who ought to report them? No doubt, when it is shown to the newspapers that it is to their interest to give the news, and any particular class of it, they will be ready, willing and delighted to attend thereto.

MASONRY CONSERVATIVE.

One seldom realizes how conservative the A. F. & A. M. Masonic Institution is until he meets with a circumstance such as we struck in the Semi-Centennial of the State of Iowa, at Burlington, Oct. 1-8, 1896. Masonry antedates all other societies of its class by at least four years on Iowa soil. Its records discover the names of the foremost thinkers, the most active business men, the bravest soldiers, the purest preachers, and in short the sturdiest pioneers of Iowa's wealth, from the beginning. It figured in the various events of the State's vital growth, but when it comes to celebrating the events of a half century in fitting public display, Masonry solemnly closes its

doors and bars *in* its votaries from participation *as such*, because it is not a "Masonic occasion." We may lack the penetration of some older men, but we none the less consider that the body of Masonry would have been benefitted by open participation in the cosmopolitan ceremonies of that day. We sneer at the exclusiveness of the sects, the clannishness of certain religionists. What is our present attitude toward the outside world but "I am holier than thou."

THE THREE J—S.

We have often observed these three "who persisted in their designs" as they have developed their part in the great drama, with varying interest. They excite our sympathy, when we remember that they are as essential to the completion of the lessons as the three G. M's. They cannot be left out, and further they excite our doubts as to their ever having been "Workmen from the temple;" if they had been, how could they have preserved such seeming harmony and obedience *for seven years*, to break out in such violence just after "high twelve?" If the characters we have seen in various places, from the ones who, with collar turned up and wearing a short sack coat, to the elaborate individuals who burst upon one's vision at three different places clad in all the habiliments of an escaped bakery employe, come anywhere near portraying the true delineations of the Ancient Mysteries; we wonder that the skillful Hi—did not in turn plant his skillful implements of Masonry indiscriminately where the layout would have done the most good. Yea, my brethren, right here is where the tragedy is quickly transformed into a stock company comedy without extra charge for the extravagance. The facts are, there should be no violence anywhere, the venerable G. M. H. is still an object of veneration and fear; he is approached with a petition, and the several parts should be conducted in a manner that betokens the seclusion and secrecy sought. The tone in which "What have we done" is uttered would better become the "accosting" in each case than the court cryer style too often used.

BROTHER LEWIS, OF LOUISIANA.

From *The Tyler*, we glean that this Brother, writing against ritual tinkers and their works, concludes an able article with the following timely truth: "We have in every masonic Lodge the Holy Bible, which we take as the 'rule and guide to our faith and practice,' and it is our moral and spiritual Trestle Board. This 'Great Light' says, If any man shall take away from the words of this book, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life. No wonder then that our forefathers said, 'It is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Freemasonry.'" To this free style of quotation from the "Great Light" we raise objections, and at the same time we object to the exegesis of the brother, as being incorrect, however nicely it may point his moral, or adorn his tale. In the first place, the passage to read correctly (See Rev. xxii, 18-19) should include a part of the eighteenth verse, and should read as follows: "If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book; and if any man shall take away from the words of THE BOOK OF THIS PROPHECY, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." The local character of the portion in capital is self evident, and does not apply to the whole of the "Great Light" hence the beauty of the able article is lost on the person who is jealous of the integrity of the Word of God. Then we do not believe that the curse is any more likely to fall upon the "tinkers" than upon the "interpolators" who have added to the volume of the ritual until the beautiful essentials are as differently surrounded in different jurisdictions as the taste for ornamentation can devise, and we suggest the jurisdiction of Iowa as one of the over-dressed ones. We are of the opinion that there should be a revival of simplicity in Masonry, a going back to first principles, and among other things a more reverent handling of the Holy Bible, the Great Light.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH,
GRAND MATRON OF IOWA O. E. S.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET:
Iowa Grand Chapter, Clinton, Oct. 28, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

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Miss Nellie Harris ..... Esther
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Columbia.
Mrs. Kate D. Allin ..... Warder
Iowa City.
Theodore Shreiner ..... Sentinel
Mt. Pleasant.

MRS. DELIA B. MEREDITH.

The subject of this sketch, whose portrait adorns this month's issue of our Magazine, is a resident of Newton, Jasper county, Iowa, where she served as the first Worthy Matron of Newton Chapter No. 100, O. E. S. She served in this capacity for three years. At the seventeenth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter she was elected Associate Grand Conductress, and was appointed to the Committee on correspondence. She was the next year elected Grand Conductress, and was appointed Deputy Grand Matron for the Fifth District. At the nineteenth session of the Grand Chapter held in Clinton, she was elected to the highest office in the gift of the Order in the state, that of Worthy Grand Matron. Mrs. Meredith is a tireless worker, in the interests of the Eastern Star, and is deservedly popular with her Sisters and Brothers in the Order.

This Magazine is the official paper of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, and as such will publish all the official decisions and notices put forth by the Grand Officers. A copy should be kept in every Chapter in the State. We invite subscriptions from members. We want an Agent in each Chapter to whom we will pay a good commission. Address the Grand Patron.

We shall have the pleasure of presenting the portrait of our Associate Grand Matron to our readers. The work promises to open up auspiciously for the coming year, and if the plans laid out by the Grand Officers and Deputies are worked there will be good news from the field. The Grand Matron instituted the new Chapter at New Virginia on the 11th inst.

THE GRAND CHAPTER.

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION, CLINTON, IOWA, OCTOBER 27, 28, 29, 1896.

As announced in this department last month, the

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

was opened at 2 p. m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in Masonic Hall, and was conducted by the Grand Matron, the Associate Grand Patron, the Associate Grand Matron, and the other Grand officers. The opening in form, and the Work were fully exemplified. A conversation followed. It was fully proven in this initial effort at School work that it can be made a very important and profitable feature of the Grand Chapter.

THE RECEPTION.

From six to eight p. m. a reception was tendered by Clinton Chapter No. 65, at which light refreshments were served. Following this a splendid and varied program was rendered in the large hall of the Masonic Temple.

THE PROGRAM.

Each number of the program was well carried out and deserves special mention, but space will not permit it. Prof McAr-- thur made a great hit, and whenever he appeared on the platform it was a signal for applause. Miss Kahn also won much honor. Following is the program as rendered:

Piano and Mandolins– Yale Two-Step. Misses Bentley, Davis and Mead; Masters Nissly and Gardiner.

Recitation—Florence Kahn.

Trio—Selected. Misses Flanagan and Briggs, and Mr. W. L. McArthur.

String music—Messrs. Bentley and Ray.

Soprano solo—Selected. Miss Annette Flanagan.

Piano solo—Selected. Miss Anice Stevens.

Recitation—Anna Shadle.

Quartet—Selected. Messrs. McArthur, Waters, Laughlin and Lambertson.

Tenor solo—Selected. Mr. W. L. McArthur.

String music—Messrs. Bentley and Ray.

Trio—Selected. Misses Flanagan, and Briggs, and Mr. W. L. McArthur.

Recitation—Mrs. C. L. Thompson.

Quartet—Selected. Messrs. McArthur, Waters, Laughlin, and Lambertson.

TABLEAUX.

Adah coming to meet her father.

Ruth in the fields of Boaz.

Esther pleading for her people.

Martha—Hope.

Electa visited by a band of soldiers.

The advantage of this kind of entertainment over the tiresome banquet (thrown into a crowd of people who really do not desire the expense to the entertaining Chapter,) is at once apparent. We hope other places will follow Clinton's good example.

GRAND CHAPTER BUSINESS.

The Nineteenth Annual Session was opened in form by the Grand Matron and her Grand Officers, at 9 a. m. Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1896. An Address of welcome to the city was presented by his Honor the Mayor of the City, Mr. Gobble. The words of welcome from Clinton Chapter were spoken by the Worthy Matron of Clinton Chapter, and were responded to by the Associate Grand Patron.

THE REGULAR BUSINEES.

A number of Past General Grand and Past Grand Officers were introduced and accorded the Grand Honors. Among those was Mrs. Nettie Ransford, P. M. W. G. Matron, Editor of *The Eastern Star*, whose personal acquaintance we count it a privilege to have formed.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron read their addresses. (We shall notice the contents after the Proceedings are out.)

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Minutes having been printed, the reading was dispensed with. All the Past Grand Matrons present were appointed to prepare a form for the Organization and Institution of new chapters. The Committee on Credentials reported in part, showing a quite general representation of the Chapters present. The Grand Secretary read the list of Our Dead, after which the Grand Chaplain read a Memorial Address. The Grand Secretary read her report, in which was shown that the present membership (Dec. 31, '95,) was 8757, a gain over all losses of 1247. She recommended a proper office room for the use of the Grand Secretary, which was afterwards approved and an appropriation of $175.00 made to pay rent, office incidentals and office furniture.

The Grand Treasurer reported. Both these reports were referred to the Finance Committee, as usual.

The special committee to whom the matter of the account of Bro. W. D. Engle, of Indiana, was referred, reported that they found no evidence that the bill had ever been paid, and that the amount of $22.40 should be paid, which was agreed to, and a most tiresome old subject dismissed.

The Finance Committee reported the correctness of the Grand Matron's expense account and it was approved. The Grand Secretary was instructed to publish the names of all suspended and expelled members in Iowa, and to state the cause for which suspended or expelled. She was also instructed to publish the list of all Past elective Grand Officers in this year's proceedings, and annually hereafter, provided they are in good standing in their Chapters. A resolution to hold future sessions of the Grand Chapter in some central part of the state, with a view to reduce the expenses, was offered and passed. It was decided that a non-affiliated member cannot sit in the Grand Chapter (as a visitor.) It was ordered that the Addresses of the Grand Patron, the Grand Matron, the reports of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, be printed in advance of their reading for circulation to the members of the Grand Chapter. (And why cannot much of the addreses be read by the Representatives, and much time saved?) The pictures of certain Past Grand Officers were ordered published with the proceedings. The Committee on Charity appointed last year, was continued, with such changes as the Grand Matron may deem necessary (last year's Committee, T. R. Ercanbrack, L. B. Raymond and Alma Hinkle.)

THE FREEMASON AND THE FEZ was made the local official paper for this jurisdiction, and *The Eastern Star* was accorded the same honor as to the general field. The report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters, showed that many of the chapters gave the wrong officers, some failed to attach the seal. The officers should have been those of 1895, and not those elect for the ensuing year. The Committee on the Addresses reported, commending the two chief officers for their ability and labor. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that but little business came before them, harmony prevails, much activity has been displayed. A more careful study of our laws was recommended. The decisions of the Grand Matron, except the 4th, were approved. This one was, after being discussed, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for next year, to be reported on at Cherokee. The question of schools of instruction was referred to a special committee to report next year. The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported on the Elliott case from Grinnell (Bulah) Chapter. Their finding was in favor of the Chapter and the sentence of expulsion was approved.

The Committee on Finance reported:

Cash on hand last report -	$1024 01
Received, - - -	4022 55
Total, - - -	$5046 56
Paid out, - - -	505 00
Cash on hand at time of report,	4541 56

The total of appropriations and the mileage total could not be secured and will have to be reported later. Charters were granted to all the new chapters. The Matrons, and other elective officers and new chapters present were installed by P. G. M., Mrs. Jennie Matthews. The election of officers was taken up, and a long siege of voting resulted in the election of the following:

Grand Matron—Mrs. Delia Meredith, Newton.

Grand Patron—John Westley Geiger, Marion.

Associate Grand Matron—Mrs. M. B. Rathbun, Clinton.

Associate Grand Patron—W. H. Norris, Manchester.

Grand Secretary—Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs.

Grand Treasurer—Mrs. Ella L. Houghton, Red Oak.

Grand Conductress—Mrs. Belle Adamson, LeMars.

Associate Grand Conductress—Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer, Webster City.

APPOINTED.

Grand Chaplain—Mrs. P. J. Webber, Cherokee.

Grand Adah—Mrs. Dora L. Gilmore, Stuart.

Grand Ruth—Mrs. Mary F. Jackson, Villisca.

Grand Esther—Mrs. Hattie McGibbons, Sioux City.

Grand Martha—Mrs. Lou Martin, Greenfield.

Grand Electa—Mrs. Ella J. McArthur, Lyons.

Grand Warder—Hattie L. Potts, Emerson.

Grand Sentinel—Theodore Sehreiner, Mt. Pleasant.

Grand Organist—Mrs. Bessie Thompson, Cherokee.

The following tellers were appointed: Bros. Ercanbrack, Moore, Rathbun and Helm, (we failed to get the names of the others who were appointed later.—Ed.) The place of next meeting was taken up and Cherokee was selected. The time is the fourth Wednesday in October, 1897. One Brother protested against the place selected because of the Resolution of the day before about meeting at a central place, but the Grand Chapter decidedly settled it that Cherokee is the center for 1897.

The Committees were instructed to meet on the day before the next annual session so as to be ready to report promptly.

A rising vote of thanks to Clinton Chapter for the fine work done last night in the Opera house (for which house a bill was presented to the Grand Chapter (?) was passed. The question of the Mite Boxes was brought up and on a call of the chapters, $43.37 was reported raised in some half dozen chapters in the past year. This money was placed in the hands of Bro. T. R. Ercanbrack, till further orders. It was explained that these boxes are intended as for free-will offerings to the charity fund.

A resolution to discontiuue the Deputy Grand Matrons, and substitute a board of three Custodians, was presented, and laid over for one year. A vote of thanks to the railroads, to Clinton Chapter, and to others contributing to our comfort, was passed by a rising vote.

Sister Ransford acting as M. W. G. M., installed the Grand Officers, P. G. M. Mrs. Matthews acting as Grand Marshall.

The Grand Chapter was closed in form.

Unity Chapter, Mason City, in token of their appreciation of the high honor conferred upon a worthy member of their Chapter presented Mrs. Jennie A. Rule, with an elegant Grand Matron's Jewel. At the same meeting also, a handsome diamond ring to their retiring W. M., Miss Alice Smith.

Both ladies will wear these tokens of affection and esteem with feelings of deepest gratitude, and Unity Chapter may well be proud of the honored member who represents them so ably abroad.

The Grand Matron has called a meeting of the Deputies, at the Kirkwood House, Des Moines, for Nov. 10, 1896. The Grand Patron will also be in attendance. The Committees will be considered then.

The Chapters will likely all be inspected this year by one of the Executive Grand Officers or one of the Deputies. It should be a year of exact rendering of the Ritual and much new work.

A PERILOUS RIDE.

From the Sioux City papers and from a letter received from Sister O. N. Williams, P. G. M., we learn that she had a perilous ride behind a runaway team. Being compelled to drive seventy miles into Nebraska, she started from Sioux City, with a driver, at 6 p. m. The horses scared at a steam roller and dashed across a railway bridge, fortunately keeping their feet all the way over. The driver was thrown out from the start, and Mrs. W. clung to the buggy "until nothing was left to the pole but the box and axle under me. The horses ran into a wagon, and I braced myself so I was not thrown out." Our sister pluckily returned, got a fresh team and made the trip of those many miles to Colridge, Neb., to the bedside of her sick brother. All the stars of Iowa will rejoice with us that she escaped serious injury.

BROTHER PRICE AND THE STAR.

We have from time to time watched with a good bit of interest the references of the versatile editor of the Masonic department of the *Commercial Appeal* of Memphis, Tenn. His last is the strangest looking item for a married man and a grandfather that we have seen in some time. He says:

"We believe that woman, pure, sweet, lovely, gentle woman, 'chaste as the icicle and pure as snow,' was born for a higher, holier, grander mission than secret society or club life. We believe they were given to man to make his life happy and this world a paradise, and when they so far forget their calling as to devote their time to the cares and perplexities of society work they abuse the mission for which they were born, and in time will lose much of their influence for good.

"We have never been able to see what connection the Eastern Star has with Masonry, and just why Masonic journals and so many of the brethren should 'take on' as they do about it is beyond our comprehension. We remember, long years ago, when the women had the degree of the 'Herion of Jerico' and the 'Mason's daughter' conferred on them by some overzealous brethren, and we also remember, with much mirth, how these women occasionally, when in want of assistance would enter our office and as soon as they crossed the threshold begin their 'monkey shines with their handkerchief,' as the lamented Bro. Wheeler used to state it, not knowing whether we 'was one of which' or not. For all such we always felt a great sympathy and never hesitated to advise them to stop their foolishness and make their wants known in a proper way, while at the same time we secretly wished that we knew the brother who had played upon the credulity of these confiding creatures. Now if the Eastern Star is akin to either of the foregoing, the quicker our wives, mothers and daughters abandon it the better it will be for all concerned. No, no, ladies, we have too much love, respect and veneration for you to see you devote the sunlight of your sweet, gentle lives toward the upbuilding of a society which must inevitably totter and fall in the near future, as soon as the 'novelty wears off,' and we believe if the editor of the Freemason would speak from his inmost heart he would say, 'Right you are, old man.'"

We'd like Bro. Bun F. to see us a Granddad, too, go gallanting our little wife, and two or three of the daughters, to the meetings of Marion Chapter No. 183, on the first Monday night of each month. He begs the question when he put the Order of the Eastern Star in the category of the complimentary side degrees, worked by peripatetic lecturers years ago. The Order is an organized power for good and when once admitted to our halls and temples it will be found to add to, not detract from the credit of Masonry.

A man may use a wart on the back of his neck for a collar button; ride on the back coach of a train to save interest on his money until the conductor comes around; stop his watch at night to save the wear and tear; leave his i's and t's without a dot or cross to save ink; pasture his mothers grave to save corn; but a man of this kind is a gentleman and a scholar compared to that other "fellller" who will take a newspaper, and when asked to pay for it, puts it back in the postoffice and has it marked "refused."—*Bill Nye.*

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Detroit, Mich, June 8 and 9, 1897.
El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) second Wednesday in December, 1896.
Kaaba, Davenport, Iowa, (Annual), first Tuesday in December, 1896.

TO THE NOBILITY.

For two years we have striven to keep up this department in the hope that it might grow to be of value enough to warrant the enlargement of the Magazine so as to give some twenty pages of general Shrine news and some articles from the able contributors among our Nobles. Some have taken our effort kindly, some indifferently, some with sarcasm. Now, we come to you wherever you may be and ask you to help us. 1 By subscribing for it. 2 By showing it to your friends.

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Yours Faithfully,
JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

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EL-KAHIR—MARSHALLTOWN.

By the time this reaches our readers the caravan (never in better trim) of this Temple will be ready for the trip to Marshalltown, Nov. 24.

THE ANNUAL MEETINGS.

It will be well for Nobles of both the Iowa Temples to note the dates of the Annual Meetings. Kaaba meets Dec. 1, and El-Kahir on Dec. 9. The only notice from the latter will be found on the last page of the Marshalltown notice.

GIVE ME A TOKEN?

"We notice among the names of Temples, those of Osiris, Isis, and Rameses. Although we are not qualified to speak authoritatively on the subject, we gather that the Mystic Shrine must antedate Rameses, and have flourished among the Shepherd Kings, whom Rameses held in utter abhorrence. Therefore we are surprised to see Egyptian names chosen. It is a good thing to play horse consistently.—*Masonic Token.*

Will Brother Berry kindly tell us where he gathered "that the Mystic Shrine must antedate Rameses?" If he ever lets that Temple up at Lewiston get their hands on him he'll not be surprised half so easily after he's through. What you need Brother Stephen is a dose of hot sand.

Kismet, Brooklyn, takes the premium for its notice belted with clover blossoms. It's the old eastern color, too.

The most unique notice this month comes to us from Palestine Temple, Providence, R. I. It was a pyramid. You blow in it.

Beni-Keden Temple, V. D., of Charleston, W. Va., fell in line with an Arab whoop on October 28, when the Imperial Potentate was there.

We are in receipt of numerous notices of meetings, from the Recorders of Temples, all of which betoken great activity in Shrine circles.

TAKEN BY SHRINERS.

THEY LEASE THE ENTIRE TOP FLOOR OF MASONIC TEMPLE.

J. B. Hudson, Potentate; A. W. Paris, Rabban, and Dr. S. S. Kilvington, Director, on behalf of Zurah temple, Ancient and Accepted Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, have just closed a contract with the Masonic Temple Association, leasing the entire eighth floor of the Temple for Shriners. The whole floor will be fitted up in the richest Oriental style, making the most magnificent as well as the largest temple of the Shrine in North America. No expense will be spared. This work is already in progress and the new quarters will be ready for dedication on Dec. 1. Later in that month it is proposed to hold a big initiation which shall be of national interest. Although the Shriners thus take possession of the large hall in the Temple, it will still be used by other social organizations, provided the Shrine is not in session. A class of twenty novices will be initiated next Friday. —*Minn. Journal.*

India Temple escorted eight novices across the desert on Oct. 8th. We are curious to know how that "Arabian punch" is made. Hurrah! Selah?

Would Recorder Ellison please tell us whether these ropes support the young camel or the tent? Dead or alive, that bird ought to come to Detroit next June. Eh?

Jimminy! If the half tone we got from Ward, Colo., of one of the El-Jebel Nobles after the Boulder trip, last April, is correctly represented, no wonder

"Dew drop Merrill, do drop Merrill, of the
famous 'Dew Drop Mine.'"

Howled * * * * * * * * * * * as he mounted to the summit of the lofty Mineret!

AN ARAB'S LUCKY FIND.

THROUGH ACCIDENT HE LEARNED THE SECRET THAT GAVE COFFEE TO THE WORLD.

While almost every one drinks coffee, few persons know how it came to pass that the world learned the virtue of the fragrant berry, says the New York *Journal.*

It is told that about the middle of the fifteenth century a poor Arab was traveling through Abyssinia, and finding himself weak and weary from fatigue, stopped near a grove. Being in want of fuel to cook his rice, he cut down a small tree that happened to be covered with dead berries. His meal being cooked and eaten, the traveler discovered that the half-burned berries were very fragrant. He collected a number of these, and on crushing them with a stone, he found that their aroma was greatly increased.

Accidentally he let fall the substance in a can which contained his scanty supply of water. The almost putrid water was instantly purified. He brought it to his lips. It was fresh, agreeable, and a few moments afterward the traveler had so far recovered his strength as to be able to resume his journey.

The lucky Arab gathered as many berries as he could, and having arrived at Aden, in Arabia, informed the musti of his discovery. That worthy official was an inveterate opium smoker who had been suffering for years from the influence of the poisonous drug. He tried an infusion of the roasted berries, and was so delighted in the recovery of his own vigor that in gratitude to the tree he called it cohuah, which in Arabia signifies force.

The smallest jurisdiction in the United States is Arizona, having 11 lodges, and a membership of 530. New York heads the line in size, with 730 lodges, and 86,214 members.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of Nobles regularly, we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost. Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock.

The names of Nobles are placed on this list when mail addressed from this office is returned as uncalled for or undelivered. This is not a posting list of delinquents, but a request for information about missing Nobles of this Temple. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

NAMES.	LAST POST-OFFICE.
Herbert L. Sill,	Chicago, Ill.
Geo. J. Miller,	Ft. Scott, Kan.
Chas. Gates, Jr.,	Charles City, Ia.
J. H. Murray,	Cedar Rapids, Ia.
A. F. Graham,	Mason City, Iowa.
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Geo. Mull,	Ashland, Wis.
B. F. Howland,	Vinton.
Chas. W. Beatty,	Des Moines.

ABOUT MISSING NOBLES.

Numerous responses have come to our inquiries about Missing Nobles, but letters still continue to be "returned to writer" for all whose names are "on the list this month." Some are and others "are not" in good standing. Recorders will do well to demand the passports of visitors.

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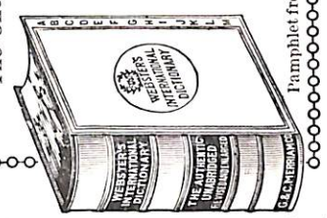

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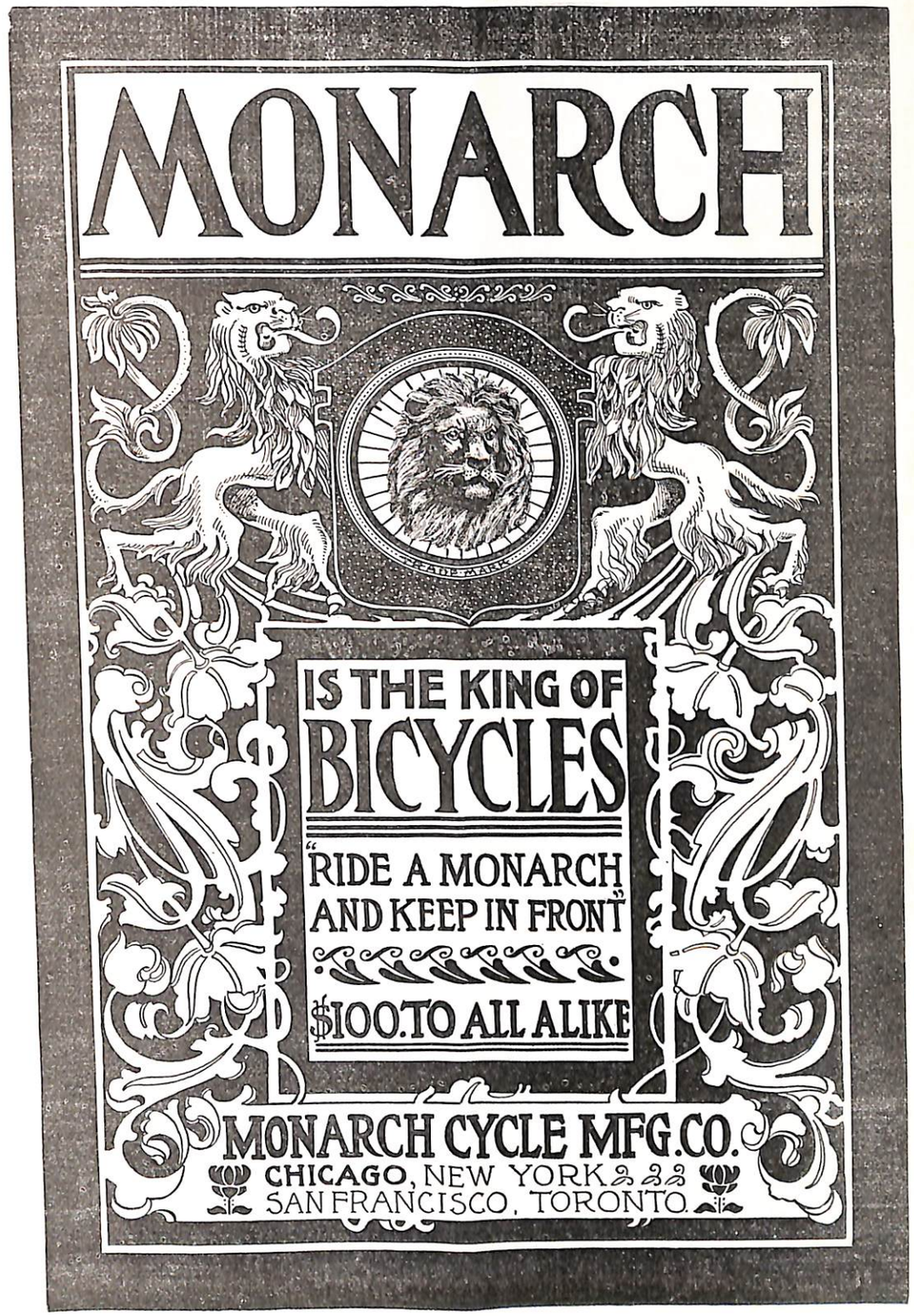

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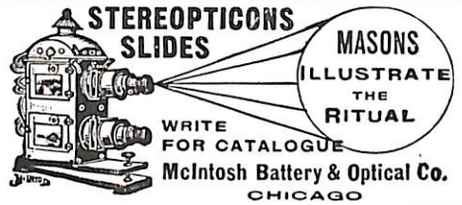

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